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The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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Ravalli County

Located in western Montana, Ravalli County is Montana's seventh most populous with 37,304 residents, according to the 2001 estimates produced by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Hamilton, the county seat, was the state's 20th largest city with a population of 3,705 in 2000. According to the 1990 Census, more than 16 percent of workers living in Ravalli County commute to Missoula County to work. The county is home to the Bitterroot Valley, a passageway for the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. It was also a former home to the Flathead Indians who invited missionaries to build St. Mary's Mission in 1841. Hamilton was settled around 1887 when Marcus Daly, a mining tycoon, established a lumber mill in the area.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1893 and named for Jesuit Missionary Father Anthony Ravalli who located to the region in 1845. Hamilton replaced Stevensville as the county seat in 1898, according to the authors, and most likely is named after early pioneer J. W. Hamilton.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Ravalli County households in 1998 was \$30,003. The county is 2,400.4 square miles in area; 2,394.3 square miles in land area and 6.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Hamilton in January between 1971 and 2000 was 16.8 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 82.8 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.54 inches. The growing season was from May 23 to Sept. 19 (last and first frost).

Ravalli County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

| Area | 2001 Census Estimate | 2000 Census | 1990 Census | 1980 Census | % Change '00 to '01 | % Change '90 to '00 | % Change '80 to '90 |
|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Montana | 904,433 | 902,195 | 799,065 | 786,690 | 0.2% | 12.9% | 1.6% |
| Ravalli County | 37,304 | 36,070 | 25,010 | 22,493 | 3.4% | 44.2% | 11.2% |
| Darby | NA | 710 | 625 | 581 | NA | 13.6% | 7.6% |
| Hamilton | NA | 3,705 | 2,737 | 2,661 | NA | 35.4% | 2.9% |
| Pinedale | NA | 742 | 670 | 458 | NA | 10.7% | 46.3% |
| Stevensville | NA | 1,553 | 1,221 | 1,207 | NA | 27.2% | 1.2% |

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896

NA = not available

County data is available on our website at:

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**Top 10 Private Employers In Ravalli County
Listed In Alphabetical Order**

| | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Albertson's Corixa Corporation Discovery Care Centre Farmers State Bank | Kmart Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital Pioneer Log Homes | Selway Corporation Super 1 Foods Valley View Estates Health Care Center |
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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau.

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Ravalli County
Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

| School Age | White Alone | | Black Alone | | American Indian & Alaska Native Alone | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| | 5-11 | 3,440 | 1,669 | 12 | 5 | 29 | 20 | 20 | 11 | 15 | 8 | 81 | 41 | 105 |
| 12-14 | 1,671 | 788 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 35 | 20 | 48 | 21 |
| 15-17 | 1,722 | 804 | 1 | 0 | 25 | 16 | 6 | 3 | 16 | 6 | 48 | 26 | 65 | 31 |
| 18-21 | 1,339 | 589 | 7 | 2 | 29 | 9 | 5 | 1 | 15 | 11 | 39 | 19 | 45 | 24 |
| Total | 8,172 | 3,850 | 23 | 9 | 98 | 53 | 40 | 20 | 58 | 30 | 203 | 106 | 263 | 130 |

| Working & Voting Age | White Alone | | Black Alone | | American Indian & Alaska Native Alone | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| | 16+ | 27,214 | 13,849 | 29 | 8 | 254 | 127 | 98 | 60 | 122 | 67 | 353 | 197 | 433 |
| 16-64 | 21,703 | 10,923 | 26 | 6 | 232 | 112 | 81 | 48 | 116 | 64 | 323 | 182 | 404 | 228 |
| 18+ | 26,052 | 13,313 | 28 | 8 | 240 | 117 | 95 | 60 | 108 | 62 | 316 | 177 | 387 | 223 |
| 18-64 | 20,541 | 10,387 | 25 | 6 | 218 | 102 | 78 | 48 | 102 | 59 | 286 | 162 | 358 | 207 |

| Other Age Group | White Alone | | Black Alone | | American Indian & Alaska Native Alone | | Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone | | Some Other Race Alone | | Two or More Races | | Hispanic or Latino of any Race | |
|-----------------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female | Total | Female |
| | 0-4 | 1,998 | 952 | 5 | 2 | 10 | 5 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 38 | 16 | 73 |
| 5-17 | 6,833 | 3,261 | 16 | 7 | 69 | 44 | 35 | 19 | 41 | 19 | 164 | 87 | 218 | 106 |
| 18-44 | 10,694 | 5,410 | 16 | 4 | 136 | 58 | 53 | 33 | 70 | 41 | 164 | 101 | 246 | 146 |
| 45-64 | 9,847 | 4,977 | 9 | 2 | 82 | 44 | 25 | 15 | 32 | 18 | 122 | 61 | 112 | 61 |
| 65+ | 5,511 | 2,926 | 3 | 2 | 22 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 30 | 15 | 29 | 16 |
| Total | 34,883 | 17,526 | 49 | 17 | 319 | 166 | 143 | 85 | 158 | 86 | 518 | 280 | 678 | 367 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data
 Compiled by: Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Ravalli County

| County of Residence | # Who Work in Ravalli County | County of Work | # Who Live in Ravalli County |
|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Out of State | 23 | Out of State | 169 |
| Deer Lodge County | 14 | Cascade County | 11 |
| Flathead County | 17 | Flathead County | 20 |
| Missoula County | 263 | Lake County | 13 |
| Ravalli County | 7,933 | Lewis & Clark County | 11 |
| Yellowstone County | 10 | Missoula County | 1,604 |
| Other Montana Counties | 30 | Ravalli County | 7,933 |
| | | Other Montana Counties | 52 |

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics